

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
 (Atty. Docket No.: MBHB 03-465-C (400/142))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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James McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No. 10/757,803)	Examiner: Amy Hudson Bowman
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Filed: January 14, 2004)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.: 5421
Inhibition of Gene Expression)	
Using Chemically Modified)	
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid)	
(siNA))	

AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 30, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated October 30, 2007, in the above-referenced application. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a two (2)-month extension of time, and the appropriate fees in connection with the petition. It is believed that no other fee is presently due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overage to our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the USPTO on March 25, 2008.

Date: March 25, 2008

/Michael S. Greenfield/